Cost of training of pilots of IA|AI

1540. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to high-tech inventions in avionics, the cost of training pilots of Indian Airlnes and Air India has increased manifold;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the estimated amount Government have to incur on training of a pilot of the Indian Airlines/Air India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Expenditure on training of a pilot by Air India and Indian Airlnes ranges from Rs. 4 lakhs to Rs. 21.5 lakhs depending upon the type of aircraft for which the pilot is trained.

Development of Alternative liquid fuel to replace Petrol

1541. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have developed any alternative liquid fuel to reduce the consumption of petrol and replace it with alternative liquid fuel;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether high power alcohol has been developed and used in place of petrol by some institution to reduce its consumption;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to increase the production of power alcohol for commercial use as a substitute to petrol?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) Although the technology for blending power alcohol with petrol or using it in substitution of petrol has been established in India, its commercial use as automotive fuel has not been found feasible as surplus alcohol has not been available on a sustained basis for this purpose. Besides, a techno-economic feasibility study on the blending of alcohol with petrol or its use in substitution of petrol as automotive fuel has brought out that alcohol in this country should basically be used for producing value added chemicals. As such, at present there is no scheme under consideration for using alcohol as automotive fuel.

Prevention of Occupational Hazards

1542. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected any statistics about the employees sufiering from occupational hazards; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such occupations and what measures are being taken by Government to prevent such ailments?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Prices of Psychotherapeutic Drugs

1543. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a vaiation and difference between the opinion of Ministry of Health on Psychotherapeutic drugs as received by his Ministry and as communicated by his Ministry to the Kelkar Committee;